



# *Poa poiformis*

## Coastal Tussock-grass



(Seeds of South Australia)



(Brown, AJ, Victorian Resources Online)



Adult  
Shouldered  
Brown

(Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** *Sedge or Flax*   **Height:** 0.6 – 1.2 m   **Spread:** 0.5 – 1.5 m   **Flowers:** Green   **Type:** Grass panicle   **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** sand or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

**Germination rate:** 2 to 4 weeks

**Seed collecting:** place the drying seed inflorescence into a container and shake. Seeds and flower parts will fall out. Keep dry, use all these contents as your seed mix.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sprinkle seeds over seed tray or broadcast over larger area, rake over and check that soil is lightly tilled. Press seeds in and keep moist. This species can also be propagated by division. Sow from Autumn.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** a fast growing, tussock forming perennial grass. Excellent for soil stabilisation and erosion control along batters and embankments. Suitable along coastal verges and parks. Food host to Common Brown (*Heteronympha merope merope*) and Shouldered Brown (*Heteronympha penelope penelope*) caterpillars.